What is claimed is:

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- 1. A method of purifying lansoprazole, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a solution of lansoprazole in a solvent selected from an organic solvent or a mixture of organic solvent and water in the presence of an amine compound;
 - b) combining the provided solution with an acid, and c)isolating the purified lansoprazole.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the amine compound is present in 1:1, mole:mole, ratio relative to the lansoprazole.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein solution is in an organic solvent selected from the group consisting of alcohols, acetone, 2-butanone, dimethyl-formamide and tetrahydrofuran.
 - 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol, n-propanol, and i-propanol.
 - 5. The method of claim 4, wherien the alcohol is ethanol.
- 15 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the amine compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonia, ammonium hydroxide, diethylamine, triethylamine and methylamine.
 - 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the amine compound is ammonium hydroxide.
- 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the ammonium hydroxide is present at a mol/mol ratio to lansoprazole of greater than 1.
 - 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the acid combined is selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, formic acid, and hydrochloric acid.
 - 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the acid is acetic acid.
- 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the solvent is a mixture of organic solvent and water wherein the ratio of organic solvent to water is about 0.2:1 to about 3:1, vol/vol.

- 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the ratio of organic solvent to water is about 1.5:1, vol/vol.
- 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the solvent of the provided solution is a mixture of organic solvent and water and is present at a vol/wt ratio to lansoprazole of about 17:1 to about 5:1.
- 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the mixture of organic solvent and water is present at a vol/wt ratio to lansoprazole of about 11:1.

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- 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the amine compound is present at a mol/mol ratio to lansoprazole of about 17:1 to about 1:1.
- 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the amine compound is present at a mol/mol ratio to lansoprazole of about 7:1.
 - 17. A method of preparing a lansoprazole containing less than about 0.1% (wt/wt) water, comprising the steps of:
 - a) crystallizing a lansoprazole from solution in a solvent that is an organic solvent or a mixture of an organic solvent and water; and
 - b) isolating the lansoprazole containing less than about 0.1% (wt/wt) water.
 - 18. The method of claim 17 wherein the lansoprazole of step a) is crystalline.
 - 19. The method of claim 17 wherein the lansoprazole of step a) is dry.
 - 20. The method of claim 17 wherein the lansoprazole of claim step a) is wet.
- 20 21. The method of claim 17, wherein the organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of acetone, 2-butanone, methanol, dimethyl-carbonate, and diethyl-carbonate.
 - 22. The method of claim 21 wherien the organic solvent is acetone.
 - 23. The method of either of claims 17 or 22 wherein the crystallization is effected by adding water to the solution.
- 25 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the added water is less than about 20% (vol/vol) water relative to the solution.

- 25. The method of claim 17, wherein the crystallization step is performed at reflux.
- 26. The method of claim 17 wherein the crystallization step is performed at a temperature of about 50°C or less.
- 27. The method of either of claims 25 or 26 further comprising the step of cooling
 subsequent to the crystallization step.
 - 28. The method of claim 17 wherein ammonium hydroxide is added before or in the course of the crystallization step.
 - 29. The method of claim 28 wherein the ammonium hydroxide is added at a mol/mol rato of ammonium hydroxide to lansoprazole of about 0.05:1.
- 30. A method of purifying lansoprazole to obtain lansoprazole having less than about 0.1%, wt/wt, water comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing a solution of lansoprazole in a solvent selected from an organic solvent or a mixture of organic solvent and water in the presence of an amine compound, wherein the amine compound is present at a ratio of about 1:1, mole:mole, relative to lansoprazole;
 - b) combining the provided solution with an acid;
 - c) isolating the lansoprazole;

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- d) dissolving the isolated lansoprazole in an organic solvent selected from the group consisting of acetone, 2-butanone, methanol, dimethyl-carbonate, and diethyl-carbonate; and
 - e) isolating the purified lansoprazole having less than about 0.1%, wt/wt, water.
- 31. The lansoprazole made by the method of any of claims 1, 17, and 30.
- 32. Lansoprazole containing less than 0.20% (wt/wt) impurities.
- 33. The lansoprazole of claim 32 containing less than 0.1%, wt/wt, water.
- 25 34. Lansoprazole containing less than 0.20%, wt/wt, combined sulfide and sulfone derivatives.
 - 35. The lansoprazole of claim 34 containing less than 0.1%, wt/wt, water.

- 36. Lansoprazole containing less than 0.10%, wt/wt, sulfide derivative.
- 37. The lansoprazole of claim 36 containing less that 0.1%, wt/wt, water.
- 38. Lansoprazole containing less than 0.10%, wt/wt, sulfone derivative.
- 39. The lansoprazole of claim 38 containing less than 0.1%, wt/wt, water.